

Examiner are directed to embodiments of the same invention, but varying scope. A review of the claims of the eight groups bears this out. This traverses the Examiner's basis for restriction.

To the extent that there may be one or more distinct inventions, there should be only three groups. These are Group I: claims 1-4, 8-19; Group II: claims 6 and 7; and Group III: claim 20. The Group I claims, claims 1-4 and 8-19, are directed to the methods of the present invention. The Group II claims, claims 6 and 7, are directed to libraries created according to the method of the present invention. Finally, the Groups III claim, claim 20, is directed to a ligand created according to the method of the present invention.

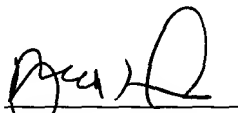
Applicants request reconsidered of the restriction imposed by the Examiner given that Applicants have traversed the Examiner's restriction requirement. Therefore, Applicants request that the restriction requirement be withdraw and all claims be permitted to be prosecuted in the present application. Alternatively, Applicants request that the restriction be limited to the Group I: claims 1-4 and 8-19; Group II: claims 6 and 7; and Group III: claim 20. If this restriction is permitted, then Applicants will elect the Group I claims, claims 1-4 and 8-19, to prosecute in the present application.

Noting the forgoing, Applicants have fully responded to the Office Action dated September 26, 2002, by making an election while also traversing the restriction requirement advanced by the Examiner.

The present invention is new, non-obvious, and useful. Consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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